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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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| Date of submission of the demand 12 August 2004 (12.08.2004) | Date of completion of this report 18 May 2005 (18.05.2005) |
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed
 the description:

pages 3-11, as originally filed
 pages _____
 pages 1, 2, 2a, filed with the letter of 10 January 2005 (10.01.2005)

the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 1-14, filed with the letter of 26 April 2005 (26.04.2005)

the drawings:

pages 1/2-2/2, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
 the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
 the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in written form.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-14 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | | YES |
| | Claims | 1-14 | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-14 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-5 774 341

D2: US-A-5 457 610.

2. Document D1, which is considered to be the closest prior art, discloses all the features of claim 1, with the exception of the feature whereby the adhesive closing elements are made of an electrically insulating plastics material (cf. D1, column 4, lines 53 to 62 and figures 4 and 5).

However, it is at the discretion of a person skilled in the art to make the adhesive closing elements electrically conducting or non-conducting, depending on the particular application, as is also known from D2 (see column 2, lines 4 and 5).

Consequently, the present application does not comply with the requirements of PCT Article 33(1), because the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step within the meaning of PCT Article 33(3).

3. Dependent claims 2-14 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for

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novelty and inventive step, because they describe only embodiments and applications of electronic components which are familiar to a person skilled in the art.